

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MINUTES

Advisory Commission for Persons with Disabilities

September 11, 2017

7:00PM Town Hall, Room 217

1. Call meeting to order

Present: Joshua Rucker, Jonathan Slifka, David Siegel, Rebecca Hajosy, Suzanne Oslander, Deb Polun, Kelley Fournier, Melinda Montovani, Nick Delaney
Absent: Michael Haeflich, Patricia Groves

2. Minutes of Commission meeting held May 8, 2017 approved by Commission

3. New Business

a. Special Needs Leisure Services

- i. Victoria Branning presented on the programs and services provided through the Special Needs Leisure Services including the following:**
 - 1. Teen and Event Adults – e.g Karaoke, festivals, arts**
 - 2. Summer Camps – inclusive recreation provided in Summer Camp brochure distributed by the Town**

b. Website Update

- i. Josh Rucker provided an overview of accessibility requirements as related to websites including:**
 - 1. Alt tags**
 - 2. Keyboard navigation**
 - 3. Contrast**
 - 4. Font size**
 - 5. Video captioning**
- ii. Discussion was held regarding developing the Commission's website and expanding resources information and resources available.**

4. Old Business

a. Celebrate West Hartford

- i. Commission members who volunteered gave an overview of their experience and the amount of activity held at the Commission's booth. This was the first year the Commission has had a booth and there was consensus that it was a success and brought attention and awareness to the Town's achievements in regards to disability access.**

5. Announcements
 - a. Deb Polun announced she was running for the West Hartford Board of Education
 - b. Josh Rucker announced he is stepping down as Chair of the Commission. He will serve as an interim Chair until an individual is identified.
6. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned 8:12pm
 - b. Next meeting date November 13, 2017

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT JOE KALACHE, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AT 860-561-7570 OR JoeK@westhartfordct.gov FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.